

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons which follow.

Claims 18-37 are pending in this application. Claims 18, 35, and 37 were amended as suggested by the Examiner and her supervisor. Claim 32 was amended to correct an error in spelling. Applicants request that the Examiner enter these amendments and allow these claims.

Applicants submit that the present application now is in condition for allowance, and a timely indication to this effect is respectfully requested. Examiner Shahn Shah is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should she feel that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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